

Page Denied

Next 1 Page(s) In Document Denied

DDI 83-7221/1

Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

11 OCT 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Lt. Gen. James A. Williams, USA
Director
Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Impact of the Soviet Food Program on Defense Activities

REFERENCE: Your memo, same subject, dated 26 Sept 83

1. Your thoughtful and detailed response to a Directorate of Intelligence Memorandum, The Impact of the Soviet Food Program on Defense Activities, is very much appreciated. That memorandum was written by a consultant to our Office of Soviet Analysis,

STAT

[redacted] We have encouraged [redacted] to tackle some of the more controversial issues in Soviet affairs and to provide analysis that is thought provoking and useful but not to attempt to arrive at a coordinated position. Accordingly, as we stated in the memorandum, the viewpoint is the author's and does not represent the CIA view. Indeed, many in CIA do not fully agree with [redacted]

STAT

2. [redacted] interesting analysis, however, seems to have provoked the very reaction we had hoped for in the DIA response. We think the DIA view should be more widely disseminated here and thus propose to circulate your response to appropriate offices in CIA. With your approval, we also would like to publish both [redacted] memorandum and the DIA reaction in the "Viewpoint" section of our USSR Monthly Review at the earliest opportunity. That section is specifically reserved for controversial topics on which debate is desirable. [redacted]

STAT

STAT

STAT

STAT

3. The impact of the USSR's economic plans, problems, and policies on its military posture is of obvious vital importance to policymakers. Within the Intelligence Community we need more discussion, research, and analysis of this issue. CIA does intend to pursue this topic vigorously in FY84. Continued dialogue between CIA and DIA on this issue will be of great benefit to the collective effort. If your people would like to discuss this matter further, they can contact [redacted] of the Office of Soviet Analysis on [redacted]. In any case, [redacted] will be in touch with your staff to pursue publishing the [redacted] memorandum and DIA's response. [redacted]

STAT

STAT

STAT

STAT

STAT

SUBJECT: Impact of the Soviet Food Program on Defense
Activities

4. Let me just add that the dialogue between CIA and DIA on a range of important issues seems to have broadened in the past year or so, a development we welcome. Best of all, it has taken place in a friendly and cooperative atmosphere of mutual interest, benefit and candor. This is competitive analysis at its best and Bill, Bob Gates, and I appreciate your part in bringing this about.

STAT

~~/S/ John N. McMahon~~

John N. McMahon
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Page Denied